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**Re: COVID-19 Update - Process Changes in 2023**  
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### News Release: COVID-19 Update – Process Changes in 2023

Allegany County Department of Health (ACDOH) has received official notification that effective January 1, 2023, the New York State Department of Health will be decommissioning the current system utilized for positive case investigations of COVID-19. Beginning with the New Year, it will be unlikely that Allegany County residents receive a phone call regarding COVID-19 test results. If any resident has specific questions about testing positive or isolation guidelines, the Health Department remains available to answer all questions. ACDOH will remain in contact with New York State COVID officials and will provide updates to residents as they become available. We anticipate updates again regarding the COVID-19 situation mid-January 2023.

Effective January 16, 2023, ACDOH will discontinue the **acceptance/submission of positive home tests** for cases of COVID-19. This means that if you test positive for COVID-19 with a home test, you will not be required or able to submit your results on the Allegany County website.

Home testing for COVID-19 is still a useful tool if you are sick and need rapid testing at your fingertips. CDC guidelines for isolation remain in effect. If you test positive for COVID-19 and need Affirmation of Isolation paperwork for school or work, then please visit our website at [www.alleganyco.gov](http://www.alleganyco.gov) and go to the red box for COVID-19 information to download and/or print your paperwork. Please keep track of your COVID-19 test results, you may wish to notify your healthcare provider of any positive test result, as treatment options may be available to you.

Please call the ACDOH at 585-268-9250 if you have any questions regarding COVID-19. Useful information FAQs will remain available on the County webpage for COVID-19 or the CDC website for isolation guidance if you test positive for COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

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